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TWO MEN INDICTED FOR
HEPHZIBAH BANK ROBBERY

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that **Alvin L. Price, age 48, of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Donald M. Reynolds, age 34, of Hephzibah, Georgia,** were indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Savannah, Georgia on May 2, 2006 on three counts related to the robbery of a Hephzibah, Georgia bank.

The indictment charges that on April 21, 2006, the two men aided and abetted each other in the armed robbery of the Queensborough National Bank & Trust in Hephzibah, Georgia. The indictment alleges that the two men took \$6,800 from the bank and its employees, and that during the course of the robbery, bank employees were assaulted with a firearm. Both men are also charged with discharging a firearm during the course of the robbery. Reynolds is charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The maximum statutory penalty for the charge of armed bank robbery, upon conviction, is twenty-five years imprisonment. The statutory penalty for discharging a firearm in connection with the robbery is a minimum of ten years imprisonment with that sentence to run consecutive to any other term of imprisonment imposed. The maximum statutory penalty for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon is ten years imprisonment.

The defendants were arrested and had an initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Leon Barfield on April 21, 2006. The defendants are currently being detained in federal custody

pending trial. An arraignment before Judge Barfield is scheduled in Augusta on May 10, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

Wood emphasized that an indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the Government's burden to prove their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being investigated by the Augusta office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Special Agent Anthony C. DePrizio, Jr. is the lead case agent. The United States is represented by Assistant United States Attorney Jay Weimer.

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